

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present paper, claims 1 and 18 will have been amended for clerical purposes and to render the terminology thereof consistent throughout the claims, with claims 1-29 pending before the Examiner. Specifically, claim 1, line 20, and claim 18, line 20 have each been amended to change "second optical element" to ---internal optical element---. Applicant notes that such an amendment is appropriate, since it merely renders the terminology consistent throughout the claims. Thus, the present amendment does not continue prosecution of the application but merely corrects clerical errors to claims 1 and 18. Further, the present amendment does not involve a substantial amount of work as only two claims are involved. Thus, entry of the amendment in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 is submitted to be appropriate.

Applicant respectfully submits that the entry of the above amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 since it does not require an additional search or examination, since it is made merely for clerical purposes, and since no new matter is contained therein. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to exercise his discretion and approve the present amendment for entry under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

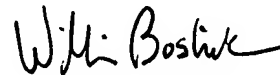
Applicant thus notes that this amendment to the claims is to be considered merely a clarifying amendment that is cosmetic in nature, and is not intended to narrow the scope of the claims. Accordingly, this amendment should not be considered a decision by Applicant to narrow the claims in any way.

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Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this Amendment or the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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